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SUBJECT: MISSION MONTHLY NARCOTICS REVIEW FOR AUGUST 1974

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FOR DIA AA-7

1. SUMMARY: AUGUST WAS ANOTHER FAIRLY SOMNOLENT MONTH, DUE PARTLY TO THE FALLOW SEASON FOR POPPY PRODUCTION; PERHAPS MORE TO THE SPATE OF POLITICAL KIDNAPPINGS WHICH ABSORBED THE ENERGIES OF THE GOM SECURITY FORCES; AND DUE IN SOME SMALL DEGREE (HE FATUOUSLY BELIEVES) TO THE NAR-  
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COTICS COORDINATOR'S ANNUAL LEAVE. CONGRESSMAN MORGAN

MURPHY AND NEWSMAN ROBERT WIEDRICH PAID A BRIEF VISIT TO MEXICO AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. A HARD-WORKING, INTER-AGENCY STUDY TEAM ARRIVED TO DISCUSS WITH THE GOM THE EXPANSION OF THE FY 1975 ERADICATION CAMPAIGN. THE MEXICAN SUPREME COURT REAFFIRMED THE PRINCIPLE THAT NARCOTICS ADDICTS COULD NOT BE TRIED FOR THEIR ADDICTION ONLY. AND THE CITY FATHERS OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT HELD AN INTER-AGENCY SEMINAR ON DRUG ADDICTION. SEIZURES WERE INDIFFERENT IN AUGUST, SAVE FOR BULL MARKET IN MARIJUANA; THE NARCOTICS COORDINATOR DOES NOT TAKE CREDIT FOR THIS. END SUMMARY.

## 2. EMBASSY AND GOM ACTIVITIES

A. CONGRESSMAN MORGAN MURPHY (D, ILL.) AND NEWSMAN ROBERT WIEDRICH OF CHICAGO TRIBUNE VISITED MEXICO AUGUST 8-10. ON AUGUST 9 THEY PAID CALL ON AG OJEDA PAULLADA AND ON FOLLOWING DAY TOURED POPPY-GROWING AREAS OF SINALOA. (REPORTED IN MEXICO 6786).

B. A NINE-MAN, USG INTER-AGENCY STUDY TEAM CAME TO MEXICO CITY AUGUST 28 TO CONFER WITH THE AG AND HIS STAFF CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR THE FY75 ERADICATION CAMPAIGN IN STATES OF SINALOA, CHIHUAHUA AND DURANGO, SPECIFICALLY APPLICATION OF THE "FORWARD BASE" CONCEPT IN THOSE AREAS. SEVERAL DAYS OF ACTIVE DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWED. ON SEPT 5 THE AG ENDORSED THE GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS EMBODIED IN THE JOINT COMMISSION REPORT, AND THE STUDY TEAM LEFT TWO DAYS LATER. THE EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMITTEE WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY THE SOLID WORK DONE BY THE STUDY TEAM AND, IF THEY ARE IMPLEMENTED EXPEDITIOUSLY IN WASHINGTON, BELIEVES THESE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE A VERY IMPORTANT ADVANCE TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL ERADICATION CAMPAIGN IN THE KEY OPIUM-GROWING AREAS. (SEE STATE 181745; MEXICO 7416 AND JOINT COMMISSION REPORT.)

C. DURING AUGUST THE MEXICAN SUPREME COURT RENDERED ADDITIONAL DECISIONS CONFIRMING THAT UNDER MEXICAN LAW THOSE PERSONS CONSIDERED NARCOTICS ADDICTS MAY NOT BE PUNISHED FOR POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS FOR THEIR OWN USE, BUT MUST BE SENT TO A TREATMENT FACILITY FOR REHABILITATION. CONFIDENTIAL

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D. IN LATE AUGUST, THE MEXICO CITY GOVERNMENT SPONSORED A WORKSHOP ON DRUG ADDICTION, IN WHICH A NUMBER OF CITY AND FEDERAL AGENCIES PARTICIPATED. IT WAS DECIDED TO TAKE STEPS TO COORDINATE THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ADDICTION: (1) TO ASSEMBLE STATISTICS ON PERSONS DETAINED OR UNDER TREATMENT FOR DRUG ADDICTION; (2) TO INVESTIGATE IMMEDIATELY ANY OUTBREAK OF DRUG ADDICTION IN SCHOOLS; (3) TO INVESTIGATE

ABSENTEEISM IN FACTORIES, WHERE IT MAY BE CAUSED BY DRUG ADDICTION; (4) TO ESTABLISH ABSOLUTE CONTROL OVER SALE OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES IN PHARMACIES; AND (5) TO MAINTAIN ANTI-DRUG ORIENTATION LECTURES ON A PERMANENT BASIS FOR CHILDREN OF SCHOOL YEARS.

### 3. GOM ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

#### A. WITH US AUTHORITIES

4 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED NEAR ACAPULCO; ONE ARREST.  
1 KG COCAINE SEIZED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT; ONE ARREST.  
1 KG HEROIN SEIZED IN TIJUANA; TWO ARRESTS;  
7 OZ COCAINE TAKEN AT ITJUANA; ONE ARREST.  
1.5 KG COCAINE SEIZED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT; 1 COLOMBIAN ARRESTED.  
.5 KG COCAINE TAKEN AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT; ONE ARREST.  
10,000 AMPHETAMINE TABLETS, LARGE QUANTITY AMPHETAMINE SULFATE, TWO PRSEES SEIZED IN MEXICO CITY; 5 PERSONS ARRESTED.

#### B. INDEPENDENT MEXICAN OPERATIONS

10 TONS OF MARIJUANA SEIZED IN TIJUANA; 11 PERSONS ARRESTED.  
6 KG HEROIN SEIZED IN TIJUANA; TWO ARRESTS.  
2 TONS MARIJKUANA TAKEN IN FOUR OPERATIONS; TWO IN SONORA, ONE IN SINALOA AND ONE IN MICHOACAN; 10 ARRESTS.  
10 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED IN NOGALES; 8 ARRESTED.  
8 KG OPIUM GUM SEIZED NEAR ACAPULCO; 3 ARRESTS.  
370 GM COCAINE TAKEN AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT; ONE ARREST.  
THREE AGENTS OF THE NUEVO LEON STATE JUDICIAL POLICE WERE ARRESTED, CHARGED WITH EXTORTION AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.  
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IN GUADALAJARA, TWO PERSONS ARRESTED AND 17 JARS OF HALLUCINOGENIC MUSHROOMS SEIZED.  
TWO TRAFFICKERS WERE KILLED AND TWO FEDERAL POLICE WOUNDED IN SHOOTOUT IN ACAPULCO.  
15.5 TONS OF MARIJUANA SEIZED IN MICHOACAN; ONE ARREST.  
3.5 TONS MARIJUANA TAKEN IN NOGALES; TWO ARRESTED.  
4 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED IN ACAPULCO; ONE ARREST.  
OVER ONE MILLION BENZEDRINE TABLETS CONFISCATED IN TIJUANA.  
500 GM HEROIN SEIZED IN TIJUANA; TWO ARRESTS.  
TWO BROTHERS AND THEIR BOSS, WHO REPORTEDLY CARRIED 300 KG OF MARIJUANA WEEKLY TO NOGALES, WERE CAPTURED IN MAGDALENA, SONORA.  
THE TWO (REPORTEDLY) PRINCIPAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS IN AGUA PRIETA, SONORA WERE ARRESTED BY FEDERAL POLICE AGENTS.

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C. MONTHLY WRAPUP (OFFICIAL GOM)

OPIUM

FIELDS DESTROYED 55  
AREA IN SQUARE METERS 685,710 M2  
OPIUM GUM 8 KG  
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HEROIN 7.7 KG

COCAINE 4.15 KG

AMPHETAMINES AND BARBITURATES 255,000 TABLETS

MARIJUANA

FIELDS DESTROYED 660

AREA IN SQUARE METERS 2,674,312 M2

MARIJUANA (DRY) SEIZED 45.4 TONS

SEED 213 GM

AIRCRAFT SEIZED 1

AUTOMOBILES AND TRUCKS 44

ARRESTS

FOREIGNERS (MOSTLY US) 23

MEXICAN NATIONALS 220

(NOTE: OFFICIAL GOM STATISTICS FOR HEROIN, MARIJUANA, COCAINE AND OPIUM GUM ACCORD CLOSELY THIS MONTH WITH THE EMBASSY'S UNOFFICIAL COMPILATION OF DEA REPORTS AND PRESS ACCOUNTS. THE ONLY MARKED DISCREPANCY APPEARS IN THE NUMBER OF AMPHETAMINES SEIZED. THE FIGURE OF ONE MILLION GIVEN IN THE PRESS MAY BE INCORRECT; OR PERHAPS THIS SEIZURE WILL SHOW UP IN THE GOM STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER.) JOVA

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